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TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, WB, UR, GE

SUBJECT: SOVIET ACCREDITATION FOR ALLIED MLM' S

REF: ( A ) CINCUSAREUR P221022 Z JUN 73; ( B ) BERLIN 941

SUMMARY: AT TRIPARTITE MEETING ON JUNE 26, UK AND FRENCH REPS REPORTED THAT THEIR MISSIONS HAD NOT BEEN PRESENTED WITH " OFFICIAL " SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR REMOVAL OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF EXISTING PASSES AS REPORTED IN REF A. UK REP SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NYUNIN HAD PROMISED CHIEF OF BRIXMIS FURTHER WORD ON SOVIET POSITION. IN LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION AND BASED ON THE VIEW OF ALLIED REPS THAT NYUNIN MAY BE WILLING TO COM-PROMISE FURTHER ON WORDING OF PASSES, IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO AUTHORITIES THAT NO FURTHER REPLY BE GIVEN BY THE ALLIES UNTIL THE SOVIETS HAD AGAIN TAKEN THE INITIATIVE WITH ONE OF THE THREE MISSIONS. END SUMMARY.  
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1. IN COMPARING NOTES ON RECENT EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIETS, THE FRENCH REP ( PAYE) REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF THE FRENCH MLM HAD MET WITH NYUNIN ON JUNE 22 ON ANOTHER MATTER AND THAT NO MENTION OF THE PASS ISSUE HAD BEEN MADE. THE UK REP ( MINEEF) SAID THE CHIEF OF BRIXMIS HAD SEEN NYUNIN ON JUNE 21. AT THAT MEETING NYUNIN HAD PRESENTED A PASS WITH CHANGES IDENTICAL TO THOSE PROPOSED TO THE CHIEF OF USMLM ON JUNE 20, NOTING THAT IT WAS AN OFFICIAL PROPOSAL FROM HEADQUARTERS, GSFG. WHEN CHIEF OF BRIXMIS OBJECTED TO THE CHANGES, NYUNIN SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THIS REACTION TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF GSFG AND THAT, ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH REPORT, " IN THE MEANTIME THE CHIEF ( OF BRIXMIS) SHOULD NOT TREAT THIS SAMPLE PASS AS AN OFFICIAL PROPOSAL". NYUNIN SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE CHIEF OF BRIXMIS AGAIN " IN A FEW DAYS".

2. MINEEF SAID THE UK VIEW WAS THAT THE DIFFERING APPROACHES TAKEN BY NYUNIN WITH THE THREE MISSIONS AND HIS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED RESPONSES TO THEIR QUESTIONS INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WAY OUT OF AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION WITHOUT LOSING FACE. MINEEF SAID THE UK VIEW WAS THAT ACCEPTING THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY NYUNIN COULD BE DAMAGING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE MLM' S. IF THE WORDING ON FREE MOVEMENT WERE DELETED, MISSION OFFICERS MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN EXERTING THEIR RIGHTS IN THE FUTURE WHEN DETAILED BY SOVIET OR EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS. MINEEF BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DOCUMENT THE RIGHT TO FREE MOVEMENT BY PRESENTING A COPY OF THE RESPECTIVE MISSION AGREEMENT AND THOUGHT THAT MAINTENANCE OF THE WORDING IN QUESTION WAS AN IMPORTANT ALLIED REQUIREMENT. HE SAID THAT AT THE

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MOMENT THE UK WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL  
FOR DELETION OF THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION.

3. THE US REP AGREED THAT NYUNIN SEEMED TO BE IN SOME  
DIFFICULTY OVER THE ISSUE AND THOUGHT THE BEST APPROACH  
WOULD BE FOR ALL THREE MISSIONS TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS  
AS USUAL UNTIL APPROACHED AGAIN BY THE SOVIETS ON THE  
QUESTION OF DOCUMENTATION. THE UK AND FRENCH REPS  
AGREED, NOTING THAT IT WAS PROBABLE THAT NYUNIN WOULD  
TAKE THE INITIATIVE BY MAKING THE PROMISED RESPONSE TO  
THE CHIEF OF BRIXMIS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO RECOMMEND  
THAT IF NYUNIN REMINDED THE CHIEF OF USMLM OF HIS PROMISE  
TO RESPOND TO THE " OFFICIAL " SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR DELETION  
OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, CHIEF USMLM SHOULD SAY HIS  
AUTHORITIES WERE STILL STUDYING THE MATTER AND ASK THAT  
NO CHANGE BE MADE IN DOCUMENTATION UNTIL A DECISION HAD  
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BEEN TAKEN.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH THE UK REP AND WITH  
USBER THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS SHOULD BE MADE TO HAVE THE  
SOVIETS CONTINUE USE OF THE PRESENT WORDING FOR MLM  
PASSES. WHILE NYUNIN'S REPLIES CONTINUE TO BE CONFUSING,  
WE BELIEVE THAT HE HAS FOR THE MOMENT WITHDRAWN THE  
PROPOSED DELETIONS AS AN OFFICIAL SOVIET PROPOSAL AND  
THAT THE SOVIETS WILL NOT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES ON DOCUMEN-  
TATION FOR USMLM ALONE WHILE LEAVING THE OTHER TWO MIS-  
SIONS UNTOUCHED. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THE THREE POWERS  
SHOULD ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE ON APPARENT SOVIET EMBAR-  
RASSMENT BY CONTINUING THEIR ACTIVITIES AS USUAL UNTIL  
NYUNIN RETURNS WITH A FURTHER PROPOSAL.

5. DEPARTMENT' S CONCURRENCE REQUESTED.  
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